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**BLOOD
HUNT**

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BLACK PANTHER



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THE DJALIA.

I SHOULD NOT
HAVE COME HERE.

ONLY A FOOLISH MAN RETURNS
TO HIS ROOTS AS **POISONED
FRUIT**. AND I HAVE OFFERED
ROT AS TRIBUTE EXPECTING
SALVATION.

BUT MY MIND HAS NOT
BEEN FULLY MY OWN
FOR FAR TOO LONG.



**BLOODLUST AND
POSSESSION HAVE
RESULTED IN FAULTY
DECISIONS--UNDEAD FLESH
DIRECTING THE SPIRIT.**

**THE
AUDACITY!**

**YOU CARRY
THE SPIRIT OF THE
DEMON *HERE?* TO
*THIS PLACE?***



**TO DEFILE
THE *DOMINION*
OF *BAST* IS
A *TRESPASS* NOT
EASILY FORGIVEN.
YOU HAVE SULLIED
HER LINE.**

**A DEBT
MUST BE
PAID.**



**I HAVE COME
SEEKING *HELP!* *AID!*
A WAY TO *PROTECT*
THE PEOPLE OF
WAKANDA!**

**TO SERVE
AS *YOU* HAVE
SERVED!**



YOU DECLARE
YOURSELF A
CHAMPION OF
BAST?!

A PROTECTOR
OF WAKANDA?!



YOU HAVE
BROUGHT ONLY
DEATH!



LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, WHELP. FOR
WHEN THE DEMON COMES TO QUESTION
HIS THRALL, AND HE *WILL* SEEK YOU
OUT, HE MUST KNOW THIS ABOVE
ALL ELSE.

WAKANDA
WILL **NEVER**
FALL AGAIN.



IT IS
KNOWN, MY
BROTHERS!



WE ARE **SLAVE** TO
NEITHER **MAN**
NOR **GOD**.

T'CHALLA USED TO BE THE KING OF WAKANDA UNTIL THE NATION BECAME A DEMOCRACY AND EXILED THEIR FORMER RULER. BUT AS THE BLACK PANTHER, EMPOWERED BY THE HEART-SHAPED HERB AND THE CHAMPION OF THE GODDESS BAST, HE REMAINS WAKANDA'S PROTECTOR...

BLACK PANTHER

BLOOD HUNT

PREVIOUSLY

The **DARKFORCE DIMENSION** has erupted and begun to create an eternal night as the sun's light gets cut off – allowing vampires everywhere to launch a brutal attack against humanity! As a member of the **AVENGERS**, Black Panther fought a group of vampires called **BLOODCOVEN** who had brought all this about, but he was mortally wounded during the battle. **BLADE** revealed he was the mastermind behind the invasion...by turning T'Challa into a vampire and sending him on a quest to retrieve a key piece of Blade's plan!

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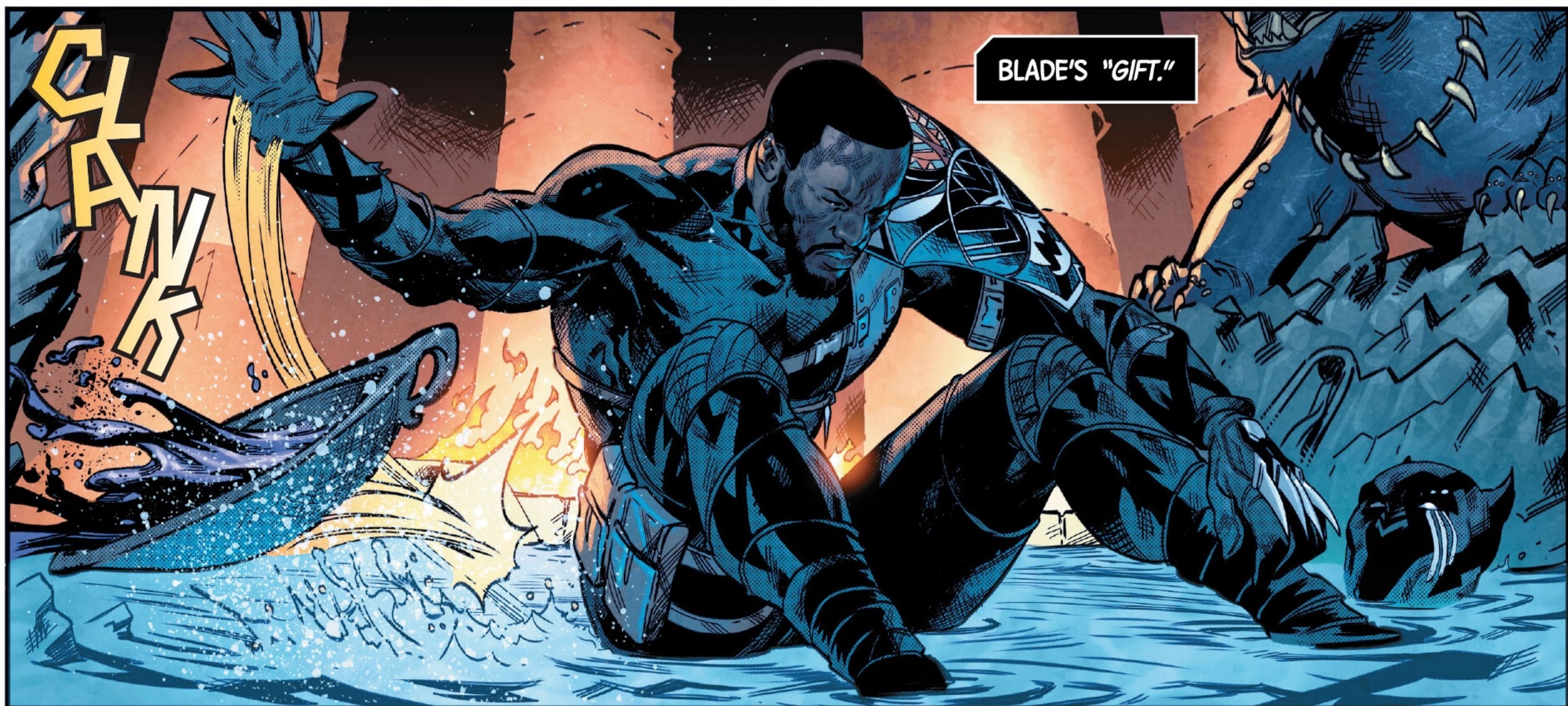
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THE TEMPLE OF BAST.

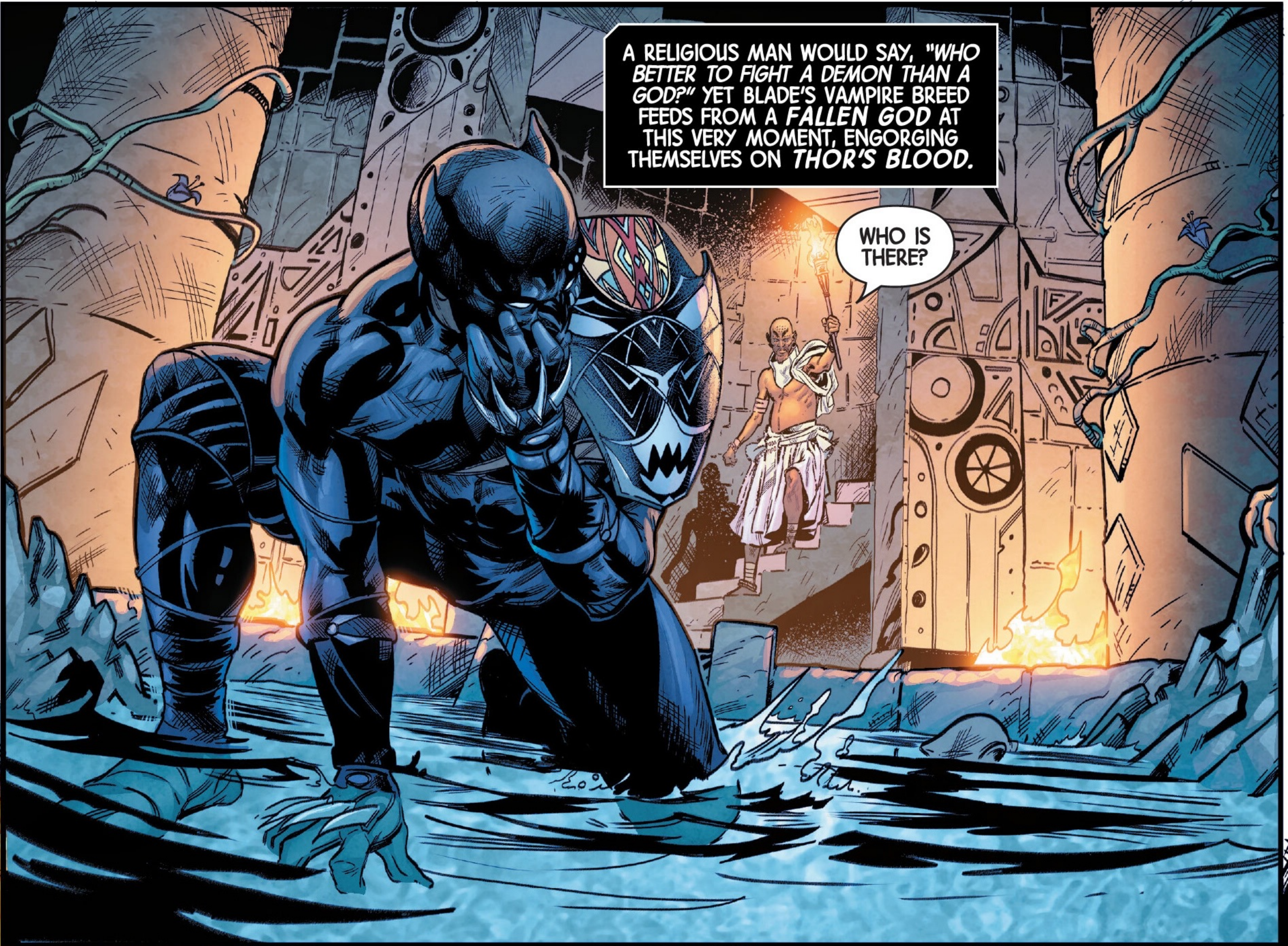
I WAKE UP
ALONE.

OR RATHER, I CARRY THE
VAMPIRE'S CURSE AS
MY SOLE COMPANION.

MARKED BY THE
DAYWALKER TO SCURRY
THROUGH ALLEYWAYS AS
AN UNWELCOME CREATURE
OF THE NIGHT.

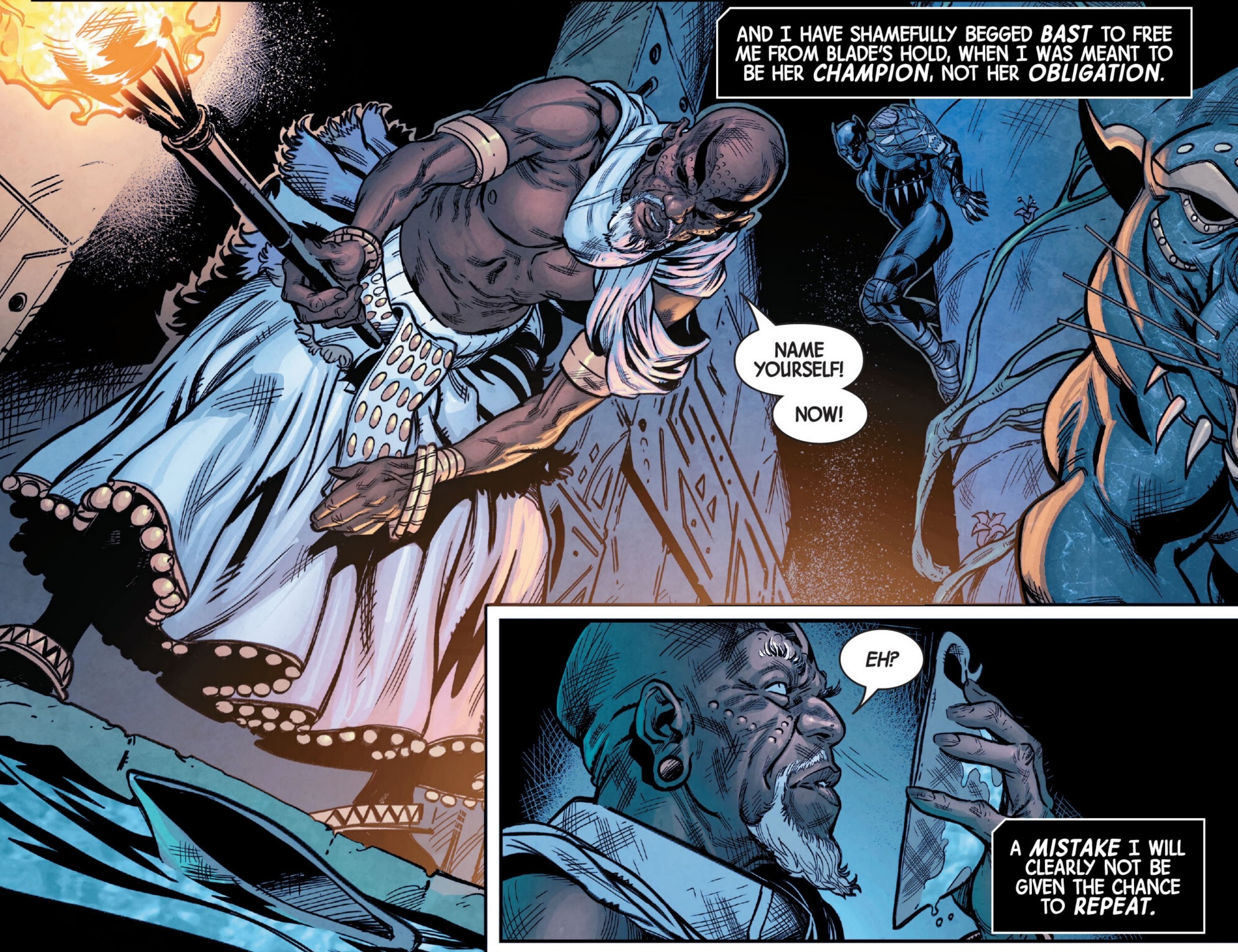


BLADE'S "GIFT."



A RELIGIOUS MAN WOULD SAY, "WHO BETTER TO FIGHT A DEMON THAN A GOD?" YET BLADE'S VAMPIRE BREED FEEDS FROM A **FALLEN GOD** AT THIS VERY MOMENT, ENGORGING THEMSELVES ON **THOR'S BLOOD**.

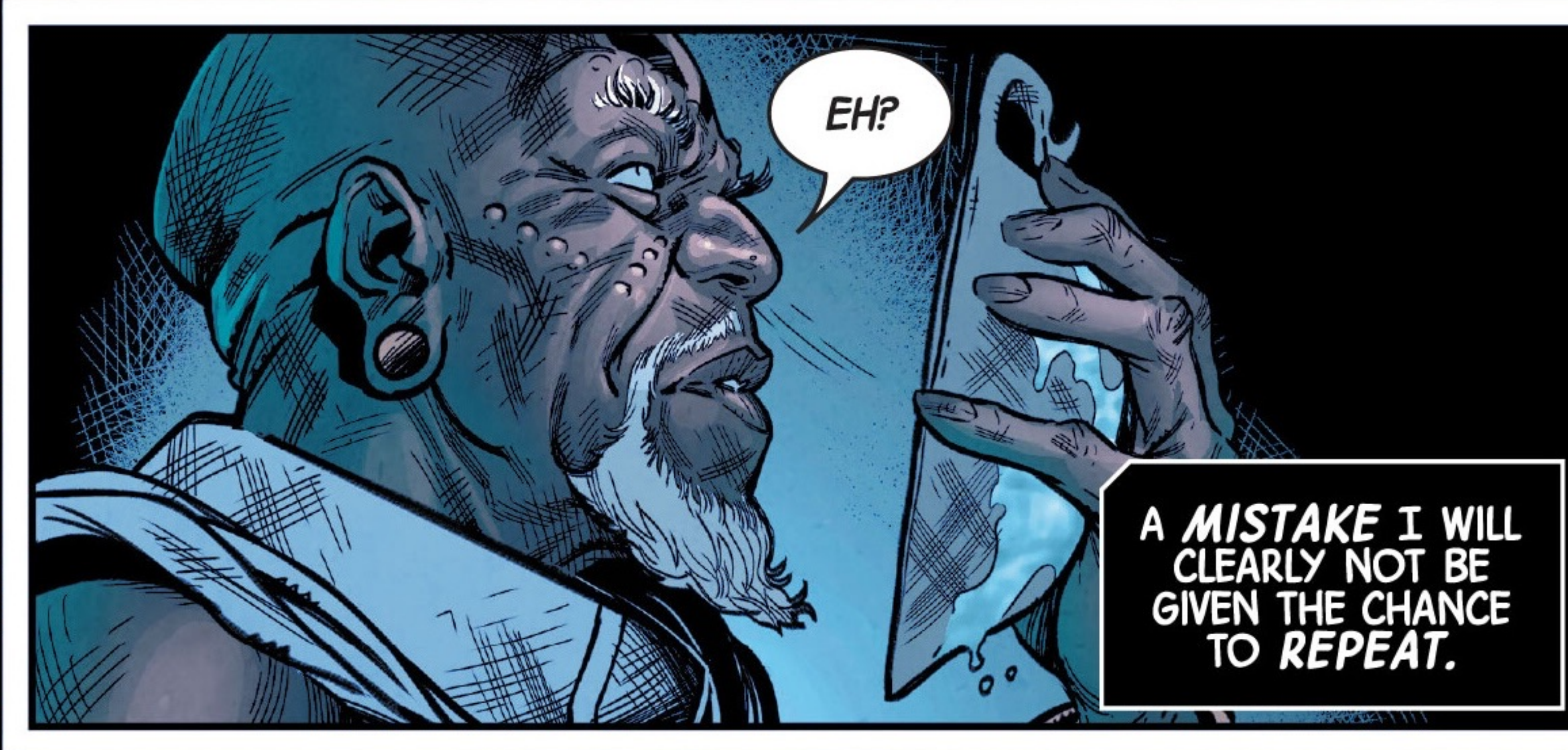
WHO IS THERE?



AND I HAVE SHAMEFULLY BEGGED **BAST** TO FREE ME FROM BLADE'S HOLD, WHEN I WAS MEANT TO BE HER **CHAMPION**, NOT HER **OBLIGATION**.

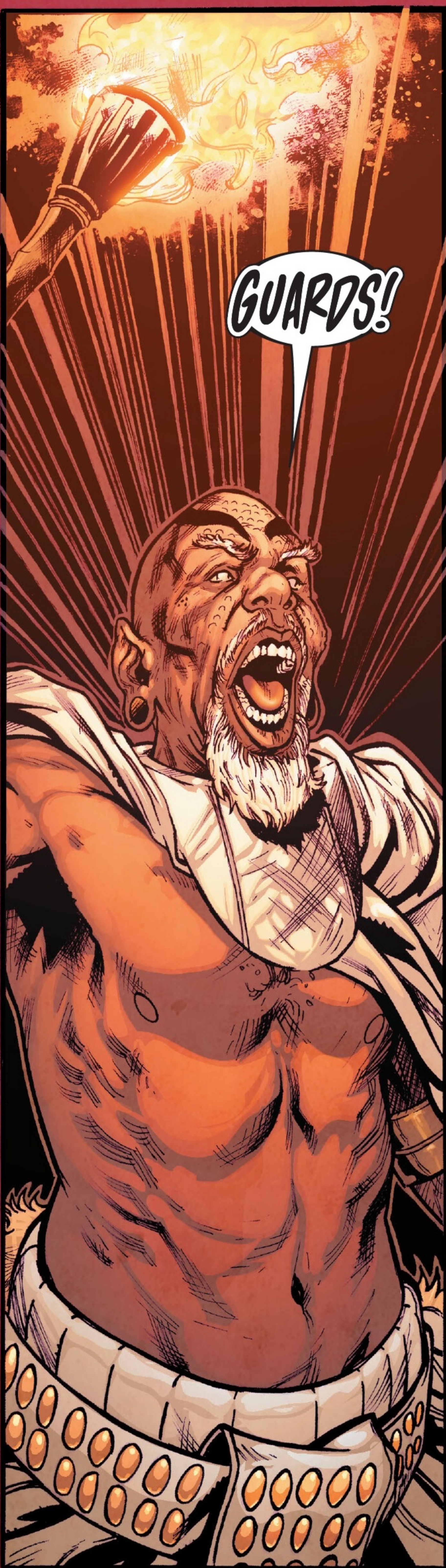
NAME YOURSELF!

NOW!

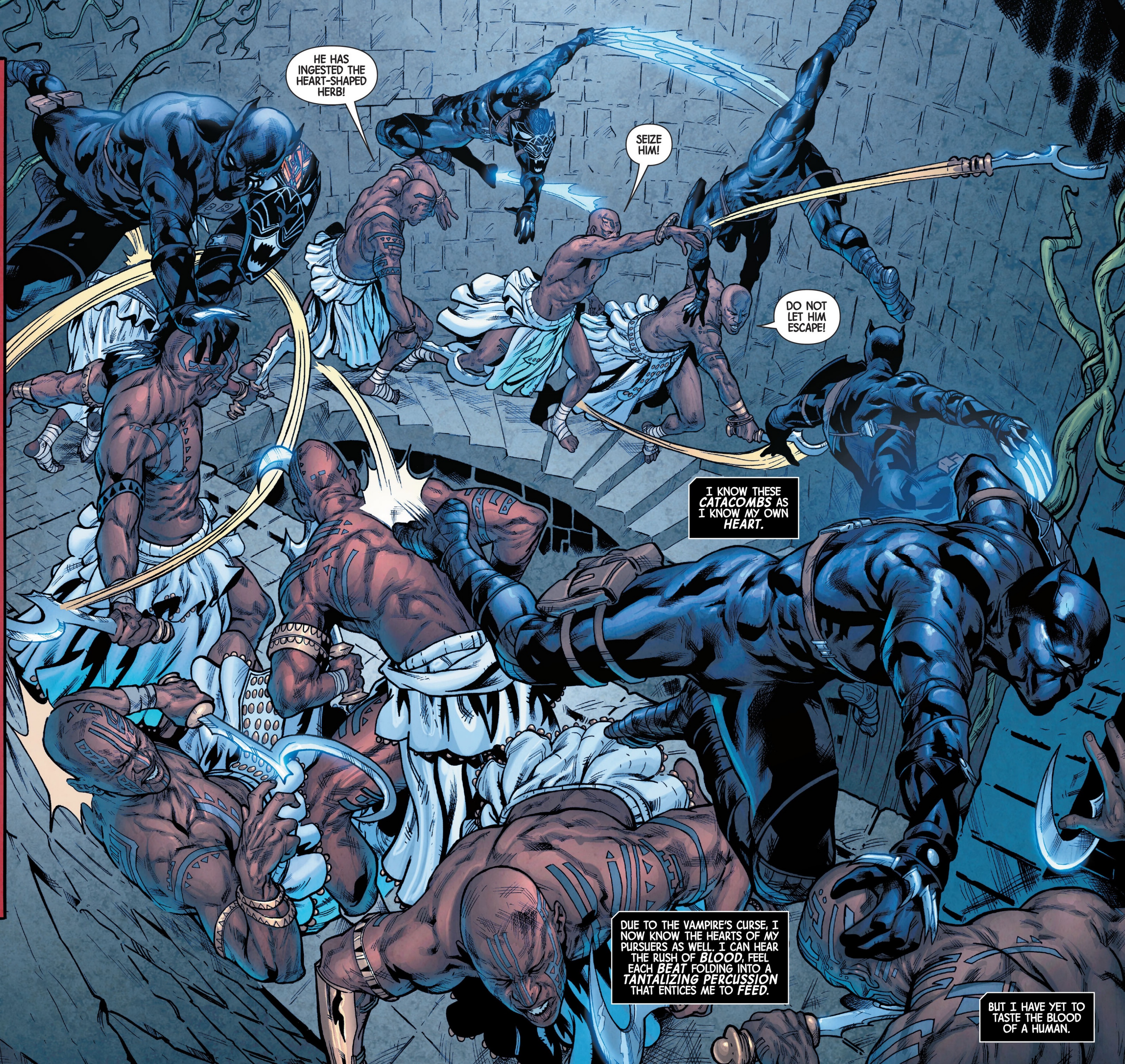


EH?

A **MISTAKE** I WILL CLEARLY NOT BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO **REPEAT**.



GUARDS!



HE HAS
INGESTED THE
HEART-SHAPED
HERB!

SEIZE
HIM!

DO NOT
LET HIM
ESCAPE!

I KNOW THESE
CATACOMBS AS
I KNOW MY OWN
HEART.

DUE TO THE VAMPIRE'S CURSE, I
NOW KNOW THE HEARTS OF MY
PURSUERS AS WELL. I CAN HEAR
THE RUSH OF BLOOD, FEEL
EACH BEAT FOLDING INTO A
TANTALIZING PERCUSSION
THAT ENTICES ME TO FEED.

BUT I HAVE YET TO
TASTE THE BLOOD
OF A HUMAN.



I *WILL* NOT
TASTE THE BLOOD
OF A HUMAN!

QUICKLY, MEN!
THE *DEFILER* MUST
BE CAUGHT!



DEATH IS
YOUR ONLY OPTION,
IMPOSTOR!

NOT AS LONG
AS I REMEMBER
WHO I AM.



YOU WOULD CHASE ONE
ROYAL BORN AS IF
AN ANIMAL?

I AM YOUR
KING!

STAND
DOWN!



IT APPEARS I NOT ONLY
CARRY BLADE'S CURSE,
BUT HIS POWERS OF
INFLUENCE AS WELL.

THAT SHOULD SERVE
USEFUL IN ENGINEERING
THE BLOODCOVEN'S
DEFEAT.



IT IS TRUE THAT
BLADE HAS INFECTED
BAST'S LINE.

YET BAST'S WILL
SOON CONSUME
HIS.

**BIRNIN ZANA.
"THE GOLDEN CITY."**

THE **HEART-SHAPED HERB** HAS RETURNED SOME SEMBLANCE OF WHAT I ONCE WAS. ONE WHO CAN **SHIELD** AND **AVENGE** THIS NATION ONCE MORE.

BUT WHERE TO BEGIN?

YOU WILL **BEGIN** BY LOCATING THE **TEMPLE RUINS** AS INSTRUCTED. AND HAVE THE **IMPOSSIBLE CITY** DELIVER THE SITE TO ME.

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN **SAVE** YOUR PEOPLE? THIS **STUBBORNNESS** ONLY PROLONGS WAKANDA'S **SUFFERING!**

I CHOSE YOU BECAUSE YOU KNOW THIS TERRAIN. BECAUSE YOU ARE THE **LAST OF THE FIRST**. BUT MAYBE THAT WAS A **MISTAKE**.

IT WAS, BLADE.



AS THE ENERGIES OF THE
DARKFORCE DIMENSION
FLOOD THE EARTH, THE
CREATURES OF THE NIGHT
GROW BOLD. INSPIRED TO
TAKE ADVANTAGES DENIED BY
THE LIGHT OF DAY.

I HAVE ONLY THE LAST VESTIGES
OF MOONLIGHT TO GUIDE ME
THIS NIGHT, AND NO HOPE OF A
RISING SUN TOMORROW.

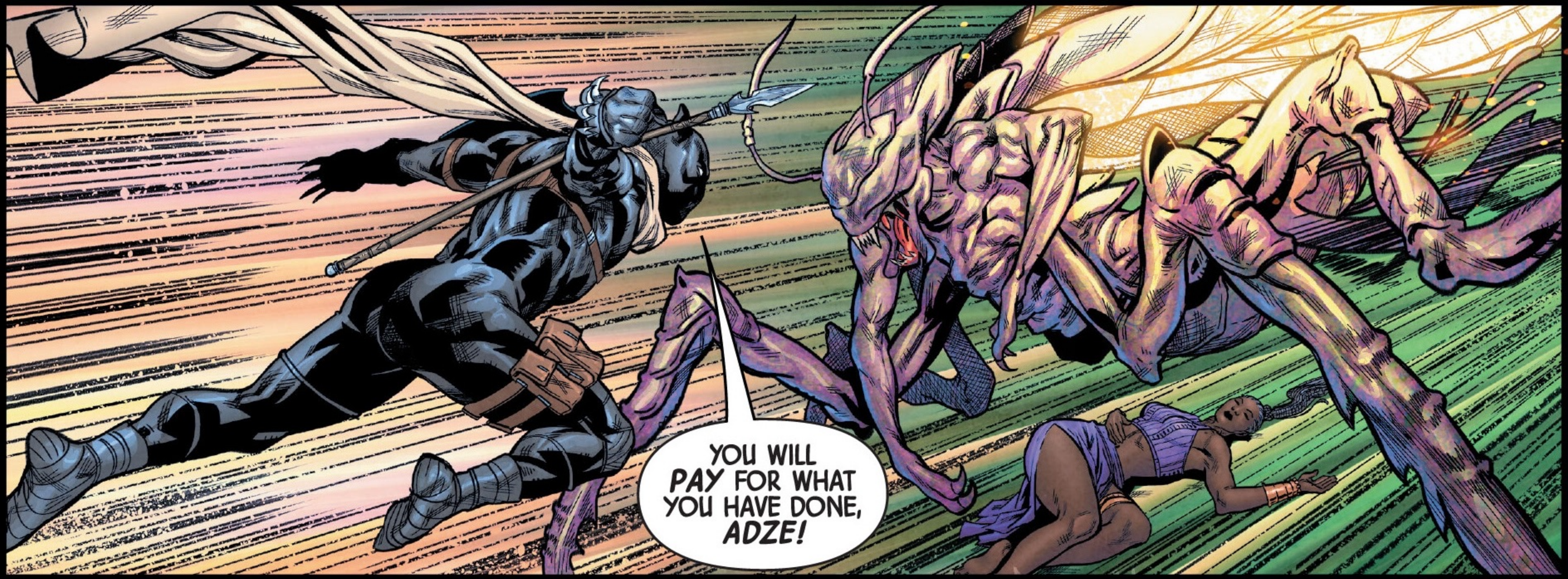
THWUMP

THE SUN BANISHED DEMONS FROM
THE BREADTH OF ITS RAYS--BUT ALSO
ERODED HUMANITY'S VIGILANCE.
HUMANKIND GREW **WEAK** UNDER
THE DAILY ASSURANCE OF ITS **LIGHT**.

DEVOID OF THE SUN'S
LUMINESCENCE, THAT
SOFT UNDERBELLY WILL
SOON BECOME AN
OPEN WOUND.



THE ADZE.
MOTHER OF
PESTILENCE.



YOU WILL
PAY FOR WHAT
YOU HAVE DONE,
ADZE!



WACK

I SHALL
NOT!

I SAID
LEAVE ME
BE!



WITH HUNGER
UNSATIED.



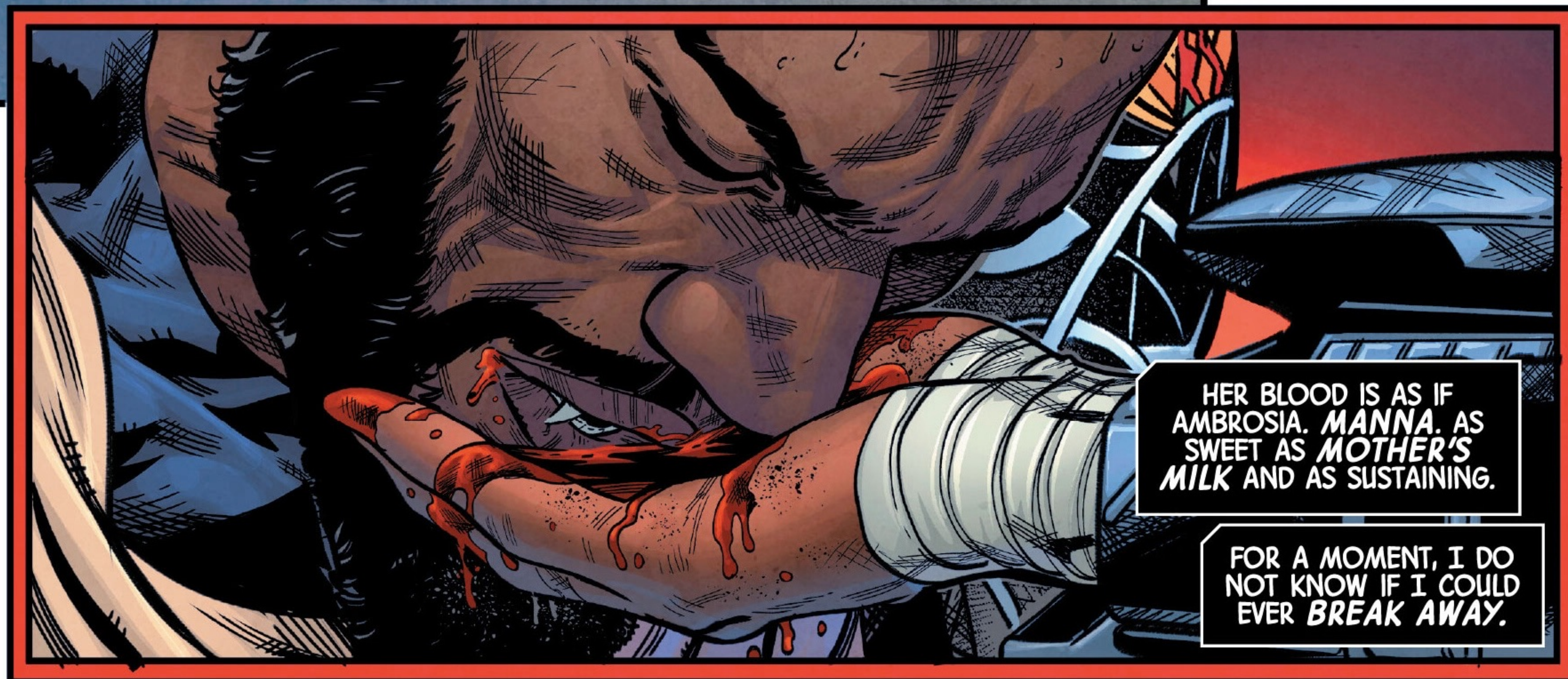
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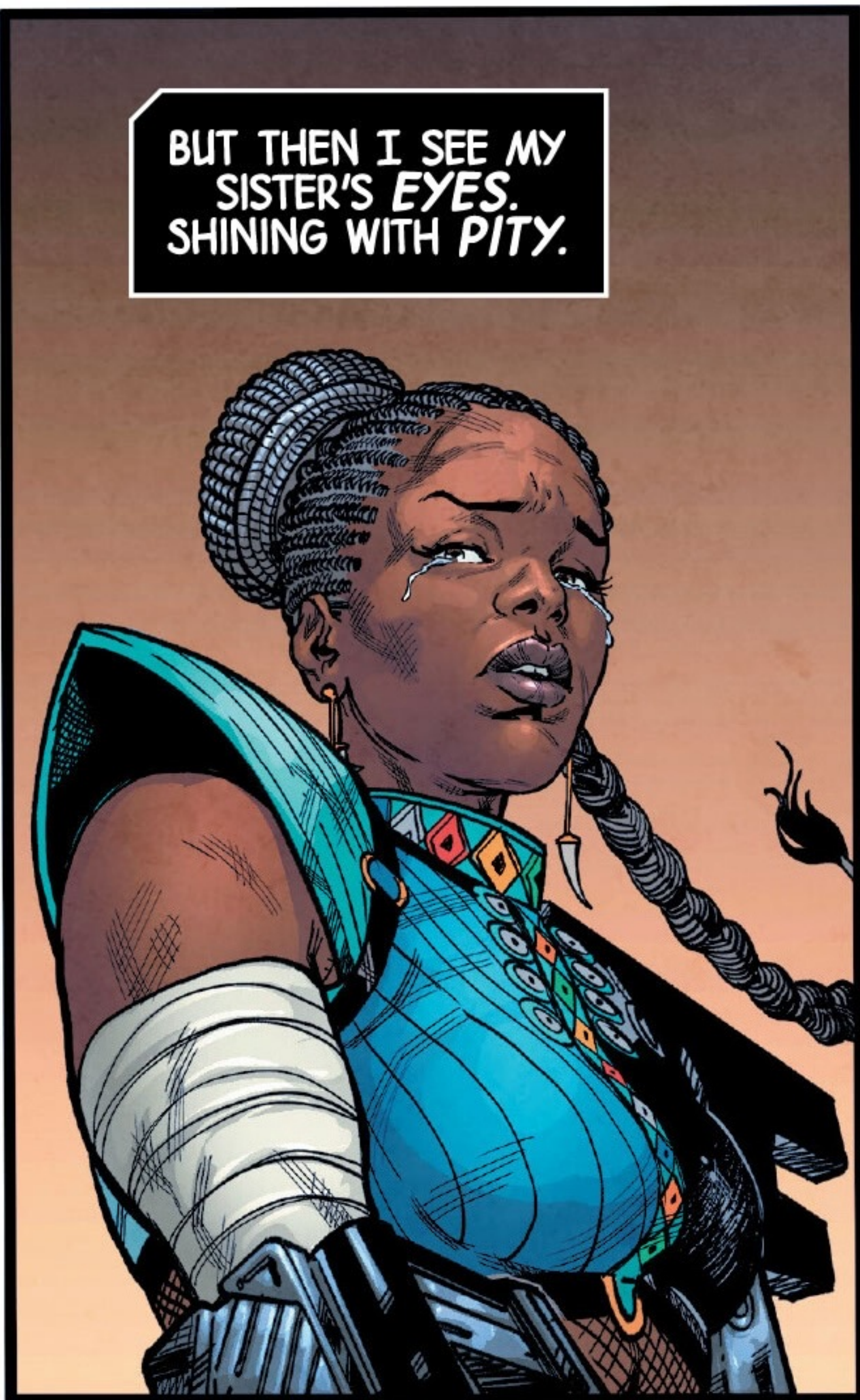


SHURI.

THE SOUND OF HER VOICE,
A MERE GUTTURAL SYLLABLE,
RETURNS ME TO MY
HUMANITY.

THE *KNIFE* IS UNNECESSARY,
BUT MY SISTER HAS ALWAYS
PREFERRED TO BE
OVERPREPARED.





BUT THEN I SEE MY
SISTER'S EYES.
SHINING WITH PITY.



AND SHAME
BREAKS OUR
BLOOD BOND.

THANK
YOU.

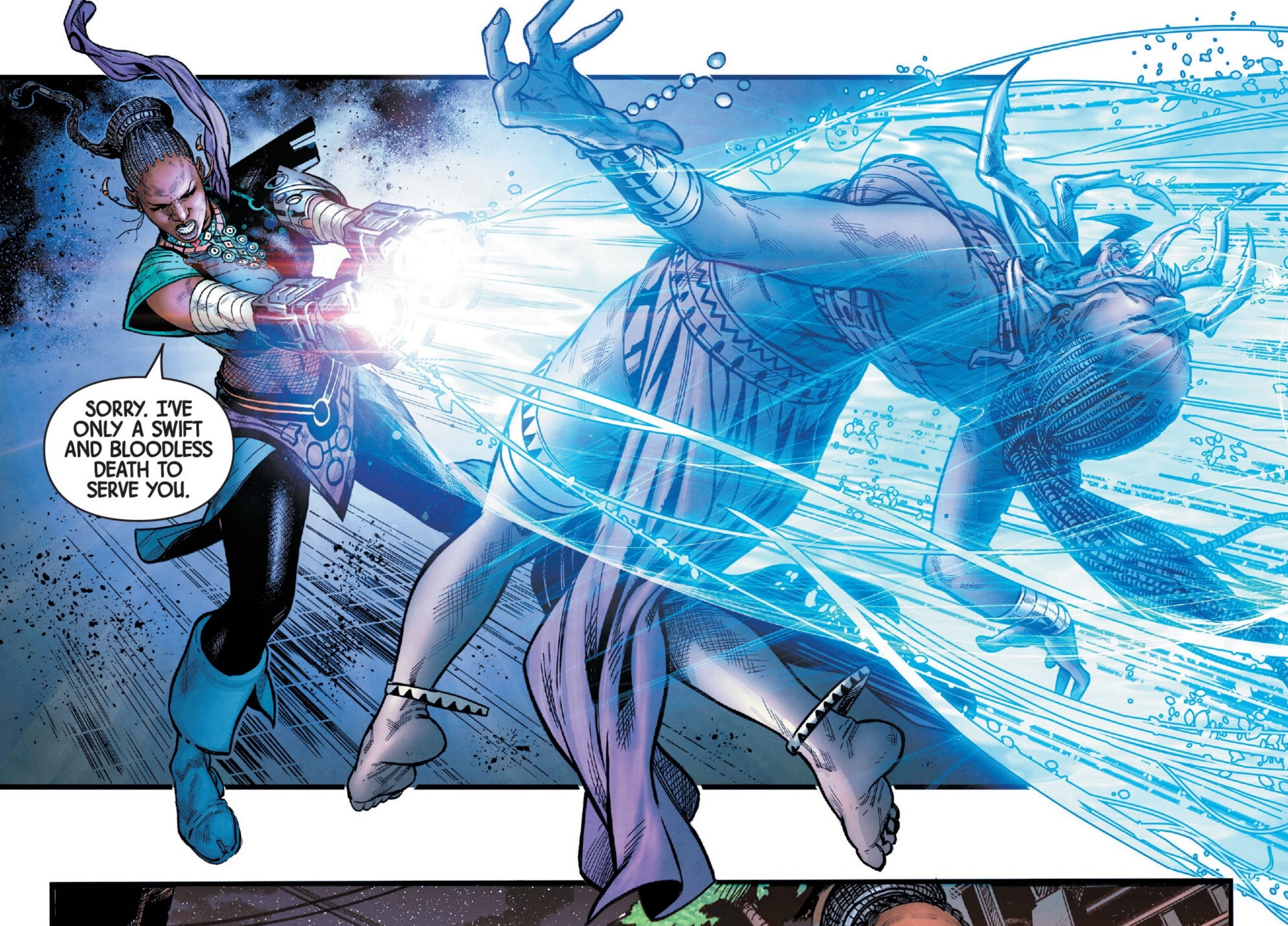
THAT IS
ENOUGH.



ENOUGH
FOR YOU
PERHAPS!



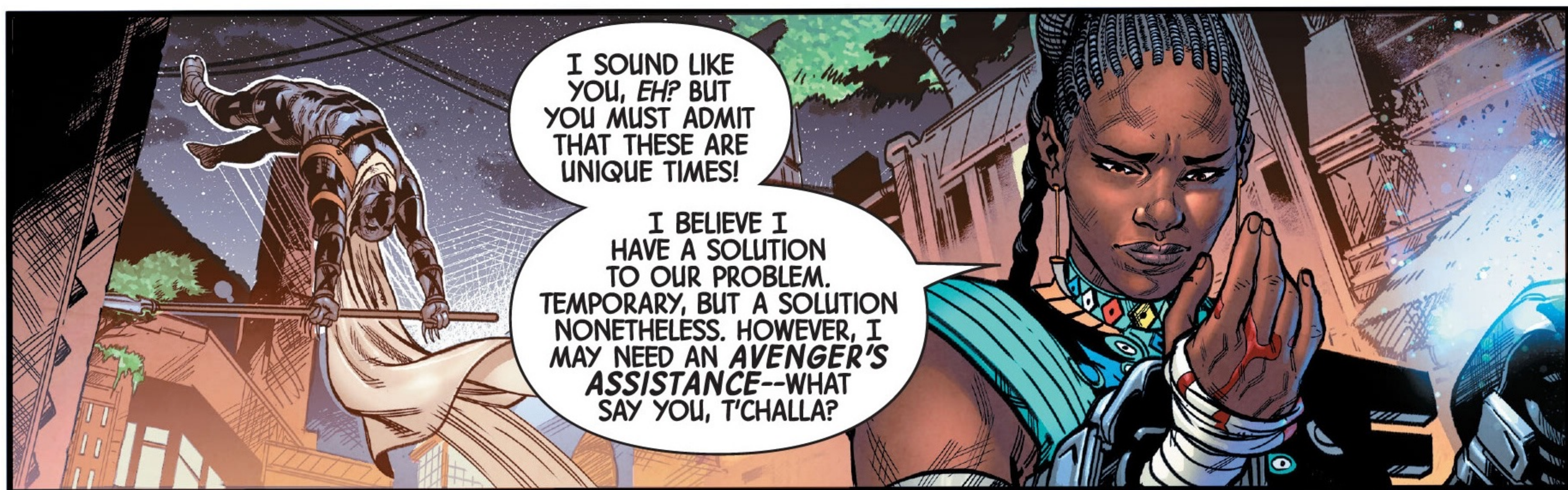
BUT I STILL
HUNGER.



SORRY. I'VE ONLY A SWIFT AND BLOODLESS DEATH TO SERVE YOU.



I DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY AGONIES WAKANDA CAN WITHSTAND. I SOMETIMES WONDER IF OUR RETREAT FROM ISOLATION WAS A MISTAKE.



I SOUND LIKE YOU, EH? BUT YOU MUST ADMIT THAT THESE ARE UNIQUE TIMES!

I BELIEVE I HAVE A SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM. TEMPORARY, BUT A SOLUTION NONETHELESS. HOWEVER, I MAY NEED AN AVENGER'S ASSISTANCE--WHAT SAY YOU, T'CHALLA?



T'CHALLA?



THE CITY IS IN *CHAOS*. MONSTERS
HUNT FREE AMONGST MAN, AND
SOON THAT FRENZY WILL BE AIDED
BY A CLOAK OF *ENDLESS NIGHT*.



THERE ARE FAR TOO FEW
OF US WILLING TO STAND
AS RAMPARTS AGAINST THE
ONCOMING HORDES. TO
SERVE AS A BEACON OF
LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.



WE WERE NOT
PREPARED.

I WAS NOT
PREPARED.

HOLD THE
LINE! USE YOUR U.V.
SPOTLIGHTS TO BURN
THEM BEFORE
THEY PASS!

DARKNESS SERVED AS WAKANDA'S
SHIELD FOR SO LONG THAT I
HAD FORGOTTEN IT COULD
CORRUPT. COULD BE
CORRUPTED.

AAAHHEEEEE!

JUST AS LIGHT CAN LEAD
A MAN TO SALVATION
OR *BLIND* HIM IN
EQUAL MEASURE.

SUNDEATH: 08:14:22.

MY
KING?

SO WHILE THE PANTHER
HUNTED BENEATH A SHROUD
OF SHADOWS TO PROVIDE
FOR ITS CHILDREN, ITS
PROGENY WAS STALKED
IN ITS ABSENCE.

WHEN I WAS DRIVEN FROM
THIS LAND, I LEFT MY
PEOPLE *UNPROTECTED*.
THAT DECISION HAS
BROUGHT HARM TO US ALL.

BUT I HAVE RETURNED
TO VANQUISH A
SULLIED DARKNESS
OF WHICH I AM NOW
A PART.

I AM WAKANDA'S
PRODIGAL SUN.

SUNDEATH: 11:07:41.

SUNDEATH: 15:39:12.

SUNDEATH: 24:00:01.





PATHETIC.
A **WAYWARD**
CHILD.

YOU WOULDN'T
HURT IF YOU
WOULD **FEED**, T'CHALLA!
ACCEPT WHAT YOU ARE.
RECOGNIZE THE **GIFT**
I'VE GIVEN YOU.



LOOK AT YOU. **LAST OF THE FIRST**. BAST'S FINAL CHAMPION.
PERHAPS THE STRONGEST OF MY
SCIONS. GROVELING HERE
ON THE GROUND.

TSK!
A PUZZLING
OBSTINANCE,
SON.



I AM
NOT YOUR
SON!

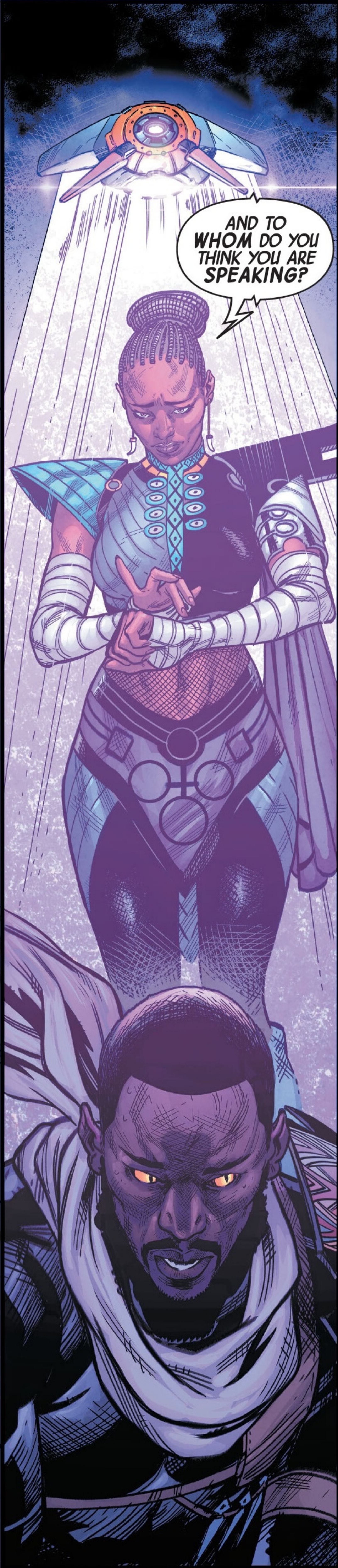


BUT I AM YOUR SIRE. AND YOU
WILL OBEY. OR WE'LL SEE HOW
MUCH PAIN A MAN CAN ENDURE
WHEN DENIED THE **RELIEF**
OF DEATH.



DO NOT
TEST ME,
T'CHALLA.

EITHER YOU
FIND THE TEMPLE
THAT YOUR GODS
HAVE HIDDEN FROM
ME OR I'LL **RAZE**
WAKANDA MYSELF
TO GET IT!





NOW *THAT*
IS AN APPROPRIATE
GREETING FOR
ME!

WHERE
ARE YOU?

SOMEWHERE
SAFE. FOR NOW.
BENEATH THE PRESENCE
OF AN *ARTIFICIAL SUN*.
BUT ITS POWER IS FINITE
AND OUR RESOURCES ARE
LIMITED. AS IS OUR
MOBILITY. THE MOMENT
WE LEAVE, WE ARE
AT RISK.

I KNOW MY
SISTER TOO WELL.
I ASSUME RISKS
HAVE ALREADY
BEEN TAKEN.



A *CORRECT*
ASSUMPTION! BUT
EACH RISK WELL WORTH IT.
WE'VE BEEN *EVACUATING*
THOSE WHO CAN HELP US RALLY
AND REBUILD. SCIENTISTS,
HISTORIANS--EVEN A
POLITICIAN OR TWO,
AGAINST MY BETTER
JUDGMENT.



A full-page comic book illustration of Blade standing on a rooftop. He is wearing his signature black tactical suit with a long, flowing white cape. He holds a silver stake in his right hand. The background shows a dense cityscape with tall buildings under a bright, circular sun or moon. In the foreground, there is some debris and a glowing blue energy source.

SHE IS
RIGHT.

MY BODY IS NO LONGER MY
OWN. THE **BLOODLUST**
REVERBERATES WITHIN ME
LIKE A **CLARION** CALL. AS
DOES BLADE'S **DEMAND**.

THE LONGER I REMAIN IN
THE CITY, THE MORE I AM A
DANGER TO IT. EVENTUALLY
I WOULD BECOME THE
MONSTER I FIGHT.



MSITU WA DHABIHU.
WAKANDAN NATURE PRESERVE.

THE ONLY CHOICE TO PROTECT
MY PEOPLE IS A RETURN TO
EXILE. TO RESIGN MYSELF TO
WHERE A DEMON BELONGS.



THE
WILDERNESS.



AS I MOVE FARTHER INTO
THE BRUSH, THE BLOODLUST
ABATES. DIVORCED FROM
HUMANITY, I AM NO
LONGER TEMPTED TO ACT
AS *PREDATOR*.

BUT I HAVE GROWN
MORE APPEALING
AS *PREY*.



ONCE AGAIN, FACE-TO-FACE
WITH MY **NAMESAKE**. NO
MATTER HOW FAR I STRAY, AS
SURE AS THE **SANKOFA**, I
END UP BACK WHERE I BEGAN.

TO BE CONTINUED.

NEXT:

BLACK PANTHER

BLOOD HUNT

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Black Panther must fight against Blade's vampiric influence for Wakanda's safety! But the goddess Bast is still angry he has brought his bloodthirst to Wakanda – what will her divine retribution hold when T'Challa's back is to the wall?



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BLOOD HUNT

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**THE HUNT CONTINUES
IN JUNE...**